

Opportunities for Employing Educated Unemployed Youth in Tourism Sector

†4397. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have fixed any target to increase the employment opportunities for the educated unemployed youth in the tourism sector in the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the achievements made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Department of Tourism Government of India does not fix any targets to increase employment opportunities in the tourism sector. However, through the efforts of the Central/State and UT Governments and the Tourism Industry Employment Opportunities are generated directly and indirectly by creation of Tourist Infrastructure, Human Resource Development, Marketing and Publicity etc.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) It is estimated that tourism sector generated direct employment opportunities of 14.39 million during the year 1998-1999.

Master Plan for Hyderabad, Tirupathi, Visakhapatnam and Nagarjuna Sagar as Tourist Attractions

4398. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested for sharing the cost of preparation of Master Plan for Hyderabad, Tirupathi, Visakhapatnam and Nagarjuna Sagar to attract tourists; and
- (b) if so, the assistance proposed to be given in this regard?

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